

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NS EW CORRIDOR PROJECT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of highways under North-South and East-West Corridor project has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (c) whether the condition of old flyovers on National Highway No. 57 between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga is deteriorating; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) The total length of North-South and East-West (NS-EW) corridors is 7142 km, out of which 6177 kms have been completed and works in 593 kms under implementation and 372 kms are balance for award. There has been delays in implementation of some projects. The delays are due to problems such as land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental and forest clearance, approval for rail over bridges, law & order problem as well as shortage of skilled / semi-skilled manpower, poor performance of contractors and economic slowdown. It is too early to indicate the time of likely completion of NS-EW corridor.

(c)& (d) There is no old / existing flyover on NH-57 between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga in deteriorating condition. However, two bridges at km 30.300 and km 34.200 which were retained after rehabilitation during four laning project, have recently developed defects in the bearings and require replacement. Consultant has been engaged for project/ estimate preparation in this regard.